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"I want to be a Minister for Culture for the people, regardless of who they are or where they come from. I am proud to represent a Government that has made it its mission to safeguard Swedish cultural heritage and create opportunities for everyone to benefit from it."

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Media freedom on the agenda for meeting of EU ministers for culture in Brussels

The Council held a policy debate based on a status report on the negotiations on the European Media Freedom Act. The aim was to provide clearer political guidance ahead of the remaining negotiations and to pave the way for an agreement in the Council during the Swedish Presidency.

- [Key takeaways from EYCS Council meeting](#)
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Free to Create – European Union Conference on Artistic Freedom and Cultural and Creative Industries

16 February 2023 Parisa Liljestrand, Minister for Culture at Free to Create – European Union Conference on Artistic Freedom and Cultural and Creative Industries Photo: Government Offices

The conference starts off from the premise that artistic freedom is necessary for cultural and creative industries to flourish. This connection will be examined from various aspects during the conference, with speakers and experts from all over the EU. Staff representatives of EU Member States and the European Commission, NGOs and other representatives of the sector will gather for two days to discuss one of Europe’s most important cultural policy issues: about the freedom to create.

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[New strategy for businesses in the cultural and creative industries](#)

Earlier this year, the Government submitted a communication entitled Strategy for businesses in the cultural and creative industries to the Riksdag. It applies for the period 2024–2033.

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[Minister for Culture Parisa Liljestrand hosted ministerial meeting and Nordic-Baltic culture minister meeting](#)

Over two days at the beginning of May, Minister for Culture Parisa Liljestrand received her Nordic and Baltic colleagues in Stockholm. The meetings were held within the framework of the Swedish Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers, which is the official body for intergovernmental cooperation in the Nordic region.

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[Major conference on Belarus in Stockholm on 21–22 May](#)

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Stockholm Centre for Eastern European Studies have organised a conference on Belarus to strengthen dialogue with Belarusian democratic forces in exile.

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[Imprisoned trade union leader Sithar Chhim awarded Government's international prize for human rights and democracy](#)

This year's Per Anger Prize went to Sithar Chhim, who fights for democracy and respect for human rights in Cambodia. Minister for Culture Parisa Liljestrand presented the award on 25 April during a ceremony at the Living History Forum.

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[We are now increasing aid for press freedom – more should follow suit](#)

Today, on World Press Freedom Day, the Government announced that it is expanding and deepening our work for press freedom around the world through several key actors. Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade Johan Forssell and Minister for Culture Parisa Liljestrand, opinion piece, Expressen, 3 May 2024.

Published 03 May 2024 · [Opinion piece](#) from [Johan Forssell](#), [Parisa Liljestrand](#), [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), [Ministry of Culture](#)

[State Visit from Denmark – programme and media accreditation](#)

The King and Queen of Denmark will pay a State Visit to Sweden on 6–7 May 2024 at the invitation of His Majesty The King.

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[Education the 2024 theme for task force for Jewish life in Sweden](#)

The task force for Jewish life in Sweden held its third meeting on Friday 9 February, with its discussions mainly focused on the 2024 theme of education. New representatives of the National Agency for Education and the Swedish National Council of Adult Education joined this meeting. The task force will also continue to address last year's theme of security in 2024.

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[Government statement in light of attack in Brussels](#)

Yesterday evening, the Government received the alarming news that two Swedes were killed in a terrorist attack in Brussels. The attack appears to have been aimed at Sweden and Swedish interests. Our thoughts are with the deceased and their relatives.

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[Ministers met with Jewish organisations](#)

On 16 October, Minister for Gender Equality Working Life and Deputy Minister for Employment Paulina Brandberg, Minister for Culture Parisa Liljestrand and Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health Jakob Forssmed met with representatives of Jewish civil society. The meeting focused on how events in Israel are affecting Jews in Sweden, current challenges and future efforts to combat antisemitism and support Jewish life.

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[Prime Minister taking part in global democracy summit](#)

The second Summit for Democracy is taking place on 29–30 March. Sweden is represented at the virtual summit and several side events by Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson, Minister for Foreign Affairs Tobias Billström, Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade Johan Forssell and Minister for Culture Parisa Liljestrand.

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[Winner of the Gollegiella Nordic Sami language prize](#)

The 2022 Gollegiella Nordic Sami language prize was awarded to Professor Emeritus Ole Henrik Magga, who has spent his entire career promoting, developing and preserving the Sami languages. Through his life's work, he has shown the Sami people and the world that the Sami languages are alive and meaningful.

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[Address at IHRA plenary by Minister for Culture Parisa Liljestrand](#)

In an address to the IHRA Plenary with the Heads of Delegations, Minister for Culture, Parisa Liljestrand, said: I am proud to see the IHRA delegates gathering in Sweden once again for the Swedish IHRA Presidency's second time, to take important decisions for the future of the organisation, to share knowledge and new research, to learn from each other and to deepen their cooperation.

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